

H. R. 231.

JANUARY 16, 1823.

Read twice, and ordered to be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

A BILL

For the better organization of the District Court of the United States within the State of Louisiana.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That,*
3 for the more convenient transaction of business in the courts
4 of the United States, within the state of Louisiana, the said
5 state shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into two dis-
6 tricts, in manner following, to wit: The counties of Attaka-
7 pas, Opelousas, Rapide, Natchitoches, and Ouachita, shall
8 compose one district, to be called the Western District of
9 Louisiana; and all the remaining part of the said state shall
10 compose another district, to be called the Eastern District of
11 Louisiana; and all criminal actions, or civil suits, which have
12 arisen in the Western District, together with all process,
13 writs, recognizances, and records, belonging thereto, shall be
14 transferred to the Western District; and that terms of the

15 District Court, in the said Eastern District, shall be held at
16 the periods, and in the manner, now prescribed by law; and
17 there shall be, annually, one stated session of the said court
18 in the Western District of the state, to be held at Opelousas
19 Court House, to commence on the third Monday of August;
20 and the District Judge of the United States, for the state of
21 Louisiana, is hereby authorized and required to hold special
22 sessions of the said court, in the said Western District, for
23 the trial of criminal or civil causes, whenever he may deem it
24 expedient: That all process, writs, and recognizances, of every
25 kind, ~~whether respecting juries, witnesses, bail, or otherwise,~~
26 ~~which relate to the cases to be tried at the said special ses-~~
27 ~~sions, shall be considered as belonging to such sessions, in the~~
28 ~~same manner as if they had been issued or taken in reference~~
29 ~~thereto: That any special session may be adjourned to any~~
30 ~~time, or times, previous to the next stated meeting of the Dis-~~
31 ~~trict court: That all business depending for trial at any spe-~~
32 ~~cial court, shall, at the close thereof, be considered as of~~
33 ~~course removed to the next stated term of the District Court:~~
34 The said Judge shall receive an additional annual compensa-
35 tion of five hundred dollars for his services: The said Judge
36 shall appoint a Clerk of the said court in the Western District,
37 who shall reside, and keep the records of the court, at the
38 place where the sessions of the court are held, and shall re-
39 ceive, for the services performed by him, an annual compen-

40 sation of two hundred and fifty dollars, and the same fees that
41 are allowed to the Clerk of the said court of the Eastern Dis-
42 trict of the state, and shall be subject, in every respect, to the
43 same responsibilities.

1 **SEC. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That the President of
2 the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the
3 Senate of the United States, be, and hereby is, authorized to
4 appoint one person as Marshal, and one as District Attorney,
5 for the said Western Judicial District of the United States
6 within the state of Louisiana, created by this act, and that the
7 terms of appointment and service, together with the duties
8 and responsibilities of the said Marshal and District Attorney,
9 respectively, for the district aforesaid, be, in all respects, the
10 same within their said district as the terms of appointment
11 and services, the duties and responsibilities, of the Marshal
12 and District Attorney, respectively, of the Eastern District of
13 the state of Louisiana, and shall receive an annual compensa-
14 tion of two hundred and fifty dollars each, and such fees and
15 emoluments as are received by the Marshal and Attorney of
16 the United States for the state of Louisiana.